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WHAT THEY MEAN

Dear Editors:

Please enter my subscription for another year. When your notice came for renewal, I was busy caring for our beloved six-year-old cat Herman who was very ill and I thought if he died I'd never want to see another copy of CATS. It would have made me feel too sad to read about other pets.

Fortunately, he recovered and is well again. We have had three cats—all living long and happy lives but then Herman became ill and we were so worried about him, my husband and I agreed there would never be another cat in this house for we love them too much. Like other people, that is what we always say.

He is a big fellow—weighing 25 pounds and was adjudged the biggest cat in West Haven. He came to us as a skinny little stray on Christmas Eve and found a welcome home where he has had the best of everything.

When you've loved and lost a wonderful cat

You say to the world 'no more of that'. Why not spare yourself the grief and pain?

But you know you will do it all over again.

Elsie Fasser

55 E. Brown St.
West Haven, Conn.

P.S. Just so you won't think we are too self-centered about our own cats—we give generously to the Humane Society and any organization involving animals. We sent a contribution to the Maude Erwin Foundation for Cats which we read about in CATS and have sent for seals for National Cat Week. We hate cruelty and, like you, fight against it, as these creatures have no voices with which to defend themselves.

E. F.

A LINE FROM ALASKA

Dear Editors:

Please send me one of the binders for my CATS Magazines.

At present I have no cat of my own

because I work for the Air Force—live on the base and pets are not permitted, but I can still keep up my cat scrapbooks, etc. and enjoy my friends' pets.

I do not believe there is any cat society in Alaska, altho many people have cats and naturally the cat population is increasing. Quite a number of people here have Siamese. One which has interested me, I see in a station wagon on the streets of Anchorage. It has intrigued me for I have never seen anyone in the car except the cat and a man driver. I am always interested in a man who likes cats for as a rule they seem to prefer dogs.

I'll keep tabs on the cat situation here and let you know if anything unusual develops in Alaska.

Loma K. Underwood

Box 1158
Anchorage, Alaska



DIGESTING THE NEWS

Dear Editor:

I am a new subscriber to CATS and I am delighted with it.

My husband was never a cat lover until we became the proud owners of a Siamese named Connie—short for Confucius and/or sometimes Confusion!

Mrs. Homer E. Newton
12520 N. E. 4th Avenue
N. Miami, Florida



TWO THREE-YEAR-OLDS

Dear Editors:

This will be my third year as a subscriber to CATS and I wouldn't be without it. It's great!

Am enclosing a picture of my little black feline—Ebony. She is of uncertain heritage but very intelligent for a three-year-old. She shakes hands, retrieves, sits up, counts with her tail and identifies which hand a ball is concealed. All learned while still in her 'kittenhood.'

Mrs. Ruth Colicchio
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COVER

There's no question but that Double Champion Surya of Rosemar is looking ahead for us on this New Year cover. What she sees? Nothing but the best of everything for all of you readers and your kittens and cats in 1956. 'Surya' is the Seal Point Siamese intimate of Marguerite Cobb, Box 7, Burnet Woods Station, Cincinnati 20, Ohio.

INFORMATION PLEASE

Dear Editors:

We lost our beloved cat with that terrible Enteritis. He was such a beautiful cat and only 18 months old. He had been inoculated. I wish you could print more articles on Enteritis and what other people have done to their cats who have had it.

Mrs. Carl J. Verga

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Antioch, California

AND THEY ALL LIVED TOGETHER

Dear Editors:

I had to smile when I received your notice of the fact that my subscription needed renewing. The line which begins 'with all of the ordinary problems of living plus a cat or two.' That is exactly what I have—two and when my husband brought the letter in, I was trying to divert their attention from the deep dark mysterious interior of my dishwasher.

After dinner, I settled down to enjoy the October issue which also came in the same mail. I enjoyed especially the article by Luise DeMarco *Taking Advantage of Your Cat*. How true it is . . . my almond stick is worn way down from trying to eradicate scratches. But one look from those sweet innocent(?) eyes and all is forgiven.

Our cats are seven-month-old whites. We also have a six-year-old Dalmatian, plus a pretty yellow canary, and all get along wonderfully well.

Mrs. Ezra Mason
6990 Hatchery Road
Pontiac 7, Mich.

Truly Bear isn't really a bear at all; she is a cat. More specifically, an ordinary alley cat. But Truly Bear now lives the life of a wild animal, in a cage at the San Francisco zoo, where she eats only the food pushed through the bars of the cage by the keepers. On weekends many people stop to watch Truly Bear as she paces back and forth in the front of the cage; five steps to the right, stop with the front feet while the back feet swing in an arc to her left . . . then five steps to the left, stop with the front feet while the back feet again catch up and swing her around ready to start back. All this with snorts and rumbles as she tosses her head nervously up and down. As long as there are enough people out front Truly Bear keeps repeating this process over and over.

Truly Bear is truly a wild animal; she even has her own sign on the front of the cage. It reads:

TRULY BEAR

Alleycattus ordinarius Americansis

Habitat: All over the place

There is also another sign on the cage; it reads:

INDIAN SLOTH BEAR

Melursus labiatius

Habitat: India

Truly, an unusual combination; but one that is mutually gratifying.

Truly Bear hadn't always lived in a cage at the zoo. For many years she had inhabited various alleys and other places that were gloriously littered with garbage and other delicious morsels. To the human eye it would have appeared that Truly Bear was happy because she acted just the way all other alley cats act, and she always produced the same scatulant reaction that alley cats almost always evoke from humans.

Truly Bear was a medium-sized cat, neither very attractive nor much moth-eaten, although her tail was a bit short as the result of a fight in which she had captured second place. She was a medium gray, with the two-toned effect of tiger-like markings. Apparently, these tiger markings went deep, so deep as to be impressed on her soul; they were apparently more than mere decoration.

The truth is that Truly Bear had always been an extremely unhappy cat. She had all the instincts and desires of a wild animal who could live best by roaming the jungle. It was the cruel mischance of birth that condemned her to live as an alley cat, far from the nearest jungle and with no hope of ever getting there. There were no other wild animals for her to prey upon, since she considered mice beneath contempt and fit only for the tame tabby; and rats were too large and vicious for her to handle. She was forced, therefore, to live on garbage, which she ate with obvious distaste.

Nor could she prey upon the other alley cats. She had tried this but, being medium-sized and not too vicious, she found that every cat she had ever met was able to beat the pants off her. The other cats

TRULY

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BEAR

By

Roland D.

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considered her uppity for her grandiose idea of trying to be a wild animal and took delight in beating up on her at every opportunity. At night the other cats would sit on back fences and spitefully give Truly Bear the horse laugh. This noise is referred to by humans as caterwauling. Truly Bear was caught in a trap from which no escape seemed possible; no doubt of it. And it made her most unhappy, as you can imagine.

But one summer night not so long ago Truly Bear was picking her lonesome way daintily through some backyards in search of some little thing to make her less hungry or unhappy; on this particular night she was feeling more despondent than ever, and in great need of something to give her a bit of solace.

Being a hot summer night the windows in all the houses were wide open; and being a typical American city, all the radios were turned on full force. The noise was gigantic, but through it all Truly Bear suddenly heard a song that was beamed particularly to her; or so she thought. Someone was singing: "Truly, truly bear; truly, truly bear. Oh! You lovely truly bear."

Of course, this was merely a popular song of the day; it was not beamed to any cat. And, the word in the song was not "bear" at all; it was "fair." Truly Bear had just misunderstood. But that makes no difference and Truly Bear would not have believed you if you had tried to explain it to her. The song had its effect and that is what matters.

Up to this time Truly Bear really had no name at all, in the fashion of all alley

cats. She had, in fact, never even thought of owning a name and wouldn't have known what to do with it if she had had one. As you know, alley cats are known to each other by their smells, which they use instead of names. It is impossible to tell you what Truly Bear's smell was because you can't spell a smell; neither can you smell it unless you're another alley cat. And, in any event, you just can't put it down on paper.

The song came to her out of the darkness like a blinding flash of light.

"That," said she, "is my song. That is me they are singing about. I, yes I am Truly Bear. And, I know just what to do about it."

The revelation was complete; not only did Truly Bear recognize herself in the song but at the same instant it came to her how to solve her personal problems without the necessity and expense of going to a psychoanalyst.

With no waste of time Truly Bear (as she now thought of herself) went straight to the nearest zoo and looked for a bear cage. Being late at night and with the moon far from bright, Truly Bear couldn't read the signs on the cages very well. But finally she came to a cage where just a bit of light fell on the last half of the sign, and she distinctly saw the word, "bear." There was some other writing in front of the word, "bear" but she couldn't make it out. Actually, the sign read "INDIAN SLOTH BEAR." If Truly Bear had known this she would have passed by that particular cage because she had no use for Indian Sloth Bears.

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FEWLINES 'BOUT FELINES

COLLECTED BY ANNE METCALF

CAT ON THE HEARTH

*Upon the hearth she lies, her little paws
Are tucked beneath her breast, her green
gold eyes*

*Bent on the golden flame. Do forests rise
About her, and the sturdy mantel shelf
Become an arch of thick and knotted
boughs*

*Where danger lurks, where rank vines
climb to cloak*

*Weird actions of strange predatory folk
That here stay in this jungle morass
house?*

*The spongy earth offers its own alarm.
The hot quicksand, the never-ending beat
For food and water, and the dank moist
heat!*

*Her head nods, jerks up, settles to a calm.
Does the rich smell of burning chestnut
bring*

*Memories of Autumn fields wherein she
walked*

*Mid thickly shielding stubble, there to
stalk*

*The swiftly fleeing rabbit, or the sparks
Recall low-flying birds—of early spring?*

*O Fireside Dreamer, security, peace deep
Enfolds you, rest, and let your spinning
purr*

*Mingle with crackling flame, ash dropping
here,*

*Until, at length, your head nods in sound
sleep.*

—Leslie-Leigh Ducros

Darwin, the scientist, proves that the earthworm is worthy of the same investigation as man. Whitman, the poet, feels that the mouse is "miracle enough to stagger sextillions of infidels." True cat-lovers know that the span of a lifetime is not sufficient to admire the grace and beauty of the cat, or to study her complex and strange personality.

—From *The Cosmic Cat*, by Muriel Barber, published in 1954 at Hertha's Chapel, Meopham Green, Kent, England.

"MORE"

*Each time I open my larder door,
My cat comes crowding in for "More!"
Till, angrily one day I said—*

*"You shall EAT until you fall down
dead!"*

*I built a mountain of lights and fish,
Of chicken sweet as a cat could wish,
Of liver, red, and raw, and high—
"Now EAT!" I snarled—"Eat that and
Die!"*

*With a look as cold as a winter's day—
My cat contemptuously walked away!*

—Margaret Watson

KITTEN PURSUING A WRITING PENCIL

*Does my pencil madden you,
More agile than your paw,
Its turns and twists and speed your
cue
To imitate with claw?
Your equal grace I must confess,—
But talent to communicate?—
If so, regrets for forced egress
Since readers still might not trans-
late.*

—Ida Elaine James

FOR A GOLDEN KITTEN

When you came for him, Dark Angel, did a feather, black as midnight, fall from your somber wings for him to chase— a final hunt before your hands' obliterating touch . . . or did your fingers caress his friendly, golden head as he lay by his shallow milkbowl, asleep in the afternoon sun, bringing a dream from which he'd not stretch himself awake: for the young cat a young, eternal dream . . . and did you find for him a warmer sun, a kinder garden, hands more gentle than ours in a world in which golden kittens need not die on Saturday afternoons in October. . . . What you left us of him we gave to the earth, a pitiful handful of golden fur dulled by your sooted palms. All that was swift and gentle and shining gold

you took from us to your distant kingdom. But still for us, something remains:

twilight is sadder now,
evenings more lonely.
A small life

its briefness matched
only by its sweetness
has ended

as all things end.

Sadly days flourish and fade, and something remains— twilight and evening, sadder, lonelier. . . .

Give him kindness, Dark Angel!

We had so brief time
to bring kindness
to his little, golden life.

—John Undseth

"BOTH GREAT AND SMALL"

One Sunday morn she climbed the hill While bells rang in the steeple. She sang the hymns and said her prayers And smiled at several people. She dropped her money in the plate And helped support the missions . . . To bring the heathen folk to God And ease their cruel conditions. Then down the hill with mind upon Her pastor's verbal thunder. (Will Heaven be of such as this? I very often wonder.) For part way home she stoned a cat. . . . Its fur was thick with vermin. Then on she went and hummed a hymn And thought about the sermon.

—Ruth Eckman

In 1876 the first public dramatic representation of *Alice in Wonderland* was given at the Polytechnic. Mr. Dodgson (Lewis Carroll) exercised a rigid censorship over all extraneous matter introduced into the performance, and put his veto upon a verse in one of the songs, in which the drowning of kittens was treated from a humorous point of view, lest the children in the audience might learn to think lightly of death in the case of the lower animals.

—From Collingwood's *Life of Lewis Carroll*, quoted in *The Cosmic Cat*.

"PURR"SONA GRATA

*When it turns chilly in the night
It is uncomfortable to hover
'Neath blankets quite inadequate,
And worse to rise and hunt more cover.
But this dilemma can be met
With purrs and automatic heat.
Just leave the family cat inside
To curl up snugly on your feet.*

—Lora Hackler Cox

WELCOME TO A SIAMESE KITTEN

*The kitten-keyboards of my poetry,
Detuned and dusty even yesterday,
Are set to good repair. A catnip fish
Await the purring of your waking wish;
The milkman knows to leave an extra
quart. . . .
Now meet the puppy: he is not the sort
To chase you; you'll be friends. Both
babies yet,
You'll learn to romp and play. And now
I'll let
You get acquainted. . . . Curl up any
place:
You're home—and welcome—little
smudge-nosed face.*

—Bonnie May Malody

OO-LA AND THE FIREPLACE

By Ouida Blacknall

Oo-La the Siamese foundling and mystery girl was far from svelte, her tail was too short, her legs were bowed, one eye was ripped and in later years her face was round as a full moon.

Official pedigree she had no trace of. One story said she came from England with a group of homeward bound soldiers, another that she was found in an old church in Italy by an artist who was sketching the ruins, still another claims she was rescued by some sailors from a freighter bound for England. Take your pick. Whatever her past, she at last fell into the hands of a family who were swayed by her ingratiating wiles and who were able to overlook her lack of registration papers.

Oo-La attached herself to the shoulder of any boy or man who did not run away from her. Women and children she plainly liked second best, begging, entreating, demanding attention from and giving in return a four-footed version of a pirouette. Her tricks paid her well since the performance so often coincided with the appearance of shrimp, salmon croquettes, chicken, even boiled cabbage, this last food being her favorite.

Oo-La was a shameless moocher, the undefeated snooper of all garbage containers. She was a bird-bath-watcher and a hunter of baby quail. Oo-La was in the terms of modern sociology a deviate—details not printable. Mildly speaking, Oo-La was a Problem.

But she was first and last a mole catcher, with a technique unsurpassed by men and machinery. She selected a mole run, laid herself flat, tummy down and stretched across the run, then took a long nap, waiting for the inevitable wiggle to come down the tunnel. When she felt the earth move under her Oo-La plunged a fore leg up to the hill in soft dirt, snagged the mole, dragged him out then killed him; her *coup de grace* was delivered with a vicious mauling between the few teeth left after some two-legged demon had hit her in the face.

Oo-La was a spay, therefore could have more freedom than the other cats; in fair weather in daytime she had the whole woods for her playground, and usually was not more than a few minutes late answering the curfew call. You know of course that people burdened with a conscience can't sleep well if one cat is loose at night, so the ritual at Gopher Hill is to bring in all animals each evening.

One warm autumn night Oo-La did not come to supper; she did not answer the rattling of a meat paper or the snipping of kitchen shears. An hour later there was a meowing somewhere in the walls, a meow-

ing that was not running to meet a dish of food. We searched, and called, and searched, then—but a letter may tell the story better:

Two A.M.

Dear son,

It isn't possible to sleep tonight, because your Oo-La is in the fireplace flue making like a too-fat Santa Claus. She must have been on the roof chasing squirrels, or she could have slipped from a tree limb over the chimney top. But she is now four inches beyond my reach perched on the smoke shelf, a ledge just above the hot air pipes; she can't climb up and she won't try to come down—your dad is sick with a cold and has gone to bed, and he said she could die right where she is before he'd get up to work with her tonight—said he would not take a chance on having pneumonia. He told me Oo-La was not in any danger in the chimney for the night, and tomorrow he would do something about her.

He suggested that I find an old wool coat and punch it up through the pipes and back onto the ledge for her to sleep on. That I did, and she must be lying down because I don't hear her crying. I'm worn out—will write you more later.

Mom

The next morning, Saturday, was not a happy one. Nobody was laughing at breakfast with every sip of coffee going down to the accompaniment of Oo-La's cries. Even sizzling bacon didn't drown her mournful pleas for her bowl of milk, and it was not until supper time that we could look back over the day and be hilarious.

The Man had to go to work at eight, but he left home promising 'I'll get her out this afternoon—she won't suffer, even if she does sound like it.' Later he confessed, 'I didn't know exactly how we'd rescue Oo-La, but I told the girls in the office that I thought I would just reach through the pipes and tie a rope around her neck then pull her out.'

The youngest stenographer was indignant: 'Oh, Mr. B. That's awful! How would you like for someone to hang you by the neck from a ten story building? Or drag you down the street on the end of a rope?'

To appease her he consented to give up the rope idea, and instead he would 'Build a roaring fire in the fireplace and let the draft blow the cat out on to the roof.' When the girl called him 'A cruel and heartless beast', he promised not to build fire, but would tie a cable around a fireman's ankles then lower him down to pick up little Oo-La. Or, he could send down a basket with a note to the cat to climb in. On and on went the persiflage until the office closed at noon.

Through all these hours Oo-La had developed a delayed sense of caution which restrained her from trying to step down off the smoke shelf, even for the

meat thrust under her nose. Food failing, a desperate move came next but this was a desperate situation; Hoochie, the prisoner's mortal enemy, was held up to the metal grating in the hope that she would advance a few inches. She didn't. Noon came and found The-Woman-Who-Knows-Her-Cats a complete failure at rescue work.

Saturday afternoon The-Man-with-the-Ladder suspended a rope from the top of the flue onto the hearth then climbed down off the roof to work out a solution. He lay on his back in the ashes for two hours trying to slip the noose around Oo-La's chest, a noose tied in a Spanish Bowline knot to avoid choking her. Covered with soot and smeared with chopped liver the rescuer finally announced. "Whee! I've got the rope around her neck, but she won't come near enough for me to slip it over her ribs. What shall I do now?"

And there the answer was, in my lap, or more correctly on Oo-La's neck—she could either stay in the chimney or be dragged out by the rope, or we could call a bricklayer to rip out a masonry wall and a heater unit at a cost of something like \$500. Plus overtime. Scotch thirtieth won, and the verdict was 'Pull her out now. She would be better off with a broken neck than trapped in there to die slowly.'

Before either of us might change our mind The Man rushed back up on the roof and called down: 'Here she goes—I'll pull slowly so the rope won't snap her neck. Turn out the flashlight and don't talk to her. Let me call her from up here.'

Eight seconds later Oo-La was scampering around on the roof sniffing the trail of another squirrel. Her injuries? One tiny patch of raw skin just above her bad eye, and she had fallen fourteen feet straight down. Maybe miracles do happen to animals.

Within twenty minutes after Oo-La was lifted over the rim of the chimney a heavy mesh screen was anchored on the flue top never to be removed. The moral of our little yarn is simply this: He who would build a fire on his hearth should not let cats fall down the smokestack.



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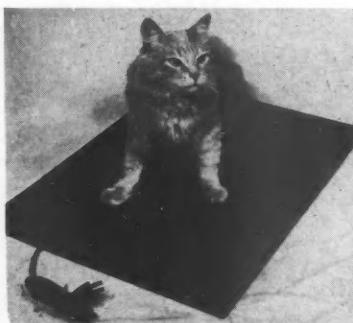


**'Tips to
the Novice'**
by
**Blanche
Wolfram**

For those of you who have never been to a Cat Show but would like to know what it is all about, this article will help you gain some idea of the pleasant experience which awaits you. You are really missing some very exciting moments and should make arrangements to get to a show that may be nearby. Even though you have only one cat do not let this worry you. Enter it in the show and by doing so you will become part of the show; this will make it all the more interesting. It was my pleasure to be able to go to the show held in Chicago by the North Shore Cat Club and I will give you an account of all that transpired from the moment I decided that I would like to go.

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this, a reservation was made for a room at a hotel for the evening of the first day. Very soon after, the confirmations of both the entries and the hotel room were returned to me. At this time it was necessary to arrange for transportation to and from the show. The railroad was contacted and since there was plenty of time reservations were easily made. My reservation was for a Duplex sleeping compartment for the round trip. Having the entries, hotel room and traveling accommodations all arranged assured me of a trouble-free trip. It is well to make all these arrangements as soon as possible to prevent any last minute complications.

Grooming the cats now was the next thing of importance. Everything that should be done at this time had been taken care of; the dead fur was removed and daily gentle combing became of prime importance. In order to help pass away some of the time I decided to make some new curtains for the cages. Curtains are used to enhance the beauty of the cat in its cage at the show. To frame my white cats a deep pink rayon taffeta was selected and the pleasant job was begun.

Two days before the show the cats were given their final bath and grooming. The cats, my family and myself were now as excited as could be for the hour of departure was rapidly approaching. Finally the day I had been waiting for arrived. Suitcases, carriers, etc. were all in order and we proceeded to the station. The porters at the station know me well by now and they handle the cats with careful attention. They were placed side by side on a cart and wheeled through the main part of the station. My carriers are of the C-Vue type as made by Felix. The crystal clear plastic and sparkling chrome set off the beauty of the cats and the nice comments by the people, in passing, are always a pleasure to hear. Of course the porters help too by telling the folk that these are show cats on their way to a big show. This is one of the many enjoyable moments of going to a show. Once on the train, everything was done for my comfort and the cats and I settled down for a night of undisturbed slumber. Morning quickly came and again we went through the station. Even though the folks were in a hurry to go to their work, they managed a quick glance at all the cats, and of course the cats love this attention. Into a taxi we go and are quickly taken to the show room. With a little help from the driver you take the cats inside and are ready for the veterinarian who is there to examine them. He pronounces them in good health and you are then given permission to be a part of the show.

The real excitement now has its beginning. I thoroughly clean the cages for even though they are cleaned by the members of the club it is well to be doubly sure. The hustle and bustle all

about you is a beehive of activity. Friends pass by with a cheery hello for they too have to hurry to get their own cages ready for their cats. We put up the curtains and place the sanitary pan in the cage. Take the cats out of the carriers and let them into the cage. Give them their food and while they are eating stand back to survey our work. Here and now you gain the satisfaction of all your labors for before you is a job well done. While we are doing this the clerks and the judges of the show are getting everything ready and very quickly they announce the show is to begin.

Each kitten and cat has a given class and has been assigned a number. The clerk will call out the numbers that are ready to be judged, usually beginning with the kittens. The judge examines each and every one thoroughly and arrives at a winner in each and every class. The winners are announced for each class and in turn each class is judged with the other classes to arrive at a winner such as Best Kitten, Best Novice, Best Champion, etc. This all takes time and the judges do their best to help the proceedings along by reaching decisions as quickly as possible. No one person works harder at the show than a judge and many trying circumstances can stand in the way before the final winner is picked. We should all be very thankful that we have judges who are willing to take the time, effort and criticism that they are called upon to endure show after show.

As the judging progresses the most interesting feature of a show is to look around you and see the mixed emotions displayed by those having entries being judged. Some may try to hide their emotions but try as they might one can see registered on their faces joy, pathos, and all other emotional forms. Needless to say I too, find myself thrilled with the excitement. I recall to mind one person who found the thrill of a winner to be of the utmost joy. There she sat and as each of her cats were being judged, she would sway to and fro, wring her hands and bite her nails. Then as the judge would go back and forth between her cat and another, she would sit on the edge of the chair oblivious of her surroundings caring only about her cats being judged. When her cat was selected as the winner unbridled tears of joy streamed her cheeks. All she could say was, 'Oh, Oh,' over and over again. She couldn't find the words to express her joy at winning. It was a real pleasure to see one who loved her cats so much and took so keen an interest in working towards a winner.

During the lulls in the judging many friends get together and talk over all the happenings of the past summer. This is when you can learn many things of value to you. Personally I like to talk over all

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OUR CRAZYLEGS

By Bernice Varney Nissen

Almost daily one reads glaring headlines of heartless hit-skip drivers; I'd like to pay tribute to anonymous someone who did stop, though at the time their headlights shone for so long into our bedroom window I neither appreciated nor understood.

My story really has its beginning last Christmas when my two sons (the older one the Korean soldier now safely home once more, the other a 15-year-old) and I faced holidays with the head of the house on a Fulbright lectureship in Denmark. The boys wanted just one thing for Christmas: Some loving little pet to brighten lonely days. Their selection of a Tortoiseshell Persian kitten is a story in itself, with its owner lowering her price to a point where the boys could afford a pedigreed kitten.

Despite her aristoCAT lineage our kitten bore only the name of Crazylegs, so christened by our teen-ager because she looked a bit like a Dali creation with daubs of all the leftover paint thrown at her, and her legs were craziest of all! She brought sheer delight to our home and holidays, and no cat ever had more nursery equipment, even to a cage on wheels and a beautifully carved bed which she disdained for the hard floor! She enlivened our domicile as only a kitten can.

Just five weeks ago we moved to this new home with half an acre of ground, and our cat, who had almost never been outside learned the thrill of the wide open spaces: Crickets, grasshoppers, spiders—such fun she had chasing them, and still more did she love the soft grass in which to roll over and over. We initiated her gradually, first a leash and constant watching, but soon she graduated to unchaperoned pilgrimages and at last she spent much of her time outside. We never went to bed without making sure that she was safely inside; her tinkly bellied collar advised us that all was well with her.

Friday night when we went to call her (she had just been out a short while after having royally entertained us as she sparred at moths and bugs which had congregated outside our big picture window!) she did not come. At last we spied her atop the storage room roof of the car port, some seven or eight feet high. Her beautiful orange eyes shone down at us like bright flash lights but it took much persuasion before we enticed her down and then she coyly ran to us only to again dash off into the shrubs. I suggested to my son that we allow her to remain outside as she would be so much more comfortable there where it was cool and beautiful.

About an hour later lights from an auto across the road on Derby shone into our bedroom window. I decided it must be our son returning from a dance so I got up to look out the window. Some one walked over to our yard and stood there; I de-

cided at last it could not be Jimmy but I watched a bit uneasily until the car finally drove away.

Yesterday morning everyone asked about Crazylegs and I had to tell them that I had not seen her but that she surely would soon appear. We called and looked about for awhile but then the boys had to go shopping and my husband went to work in the basement while I turned to the dishes. As I looked out our front window I thought that I had never seen THAT bump on our lawn before—and my heart stood still. I went to investigate and then I understood the stopped auto, the same one who had stood in our yard—their staying so long—and I called for my husband to come.

We'll never know who hit her, but should they see this (we know it was they for I heard voices) may I thank them for bringing her into our yard where she would not be hit again, thank them, too, for waiting awhile, thank them for proving that people still do have a regard for life—even though it be just a kitten.

Her death taught me several things: One is that freedom without safe-guards may be a very dangerous thing. It taught me also that though war does toughen one, tenderness may still remain beneath the surface as witnessed by our sergeant's deep grief over his pet's death, though he had seen death on many a battlefield.

It showed me that for every juvenile delinquent who makes the front page there may be another who cannot allow his pet to remain in an unmarked grave, and who while hewing out a rough cross for a marker consoles his mother by saying that Crazylegs had more happiness in her five weeks here than in her eight months of restricted life.

I thought that though educators sometimes baffle us still a professor will go deep into an orchard to make a little grave rather than just quickly digging a roadside hole—well—I have mused far too long already!

She was only a romping kitten, and the night was dark and no one save the person who hit her would ever know, but may I once again thank the persons who did stop their car . . . though it was for only a little kitten who had not learned the dangers that lurk on highways.

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—Helen J. Dutton

3 Storer St., Portland 4, Maine

Altering a cat should have no effect on the formation of kidney stones. However, if the trouble was due to small stones obstructing the urinary passage, altering seems to favor this condition, although it is observed in cats that are not altered, too.

I have two cats that seem perfectly well with the exception of twitching from the middle of their back down, and jerking of the tail. They run when so affected and bite at their backs. Our doctor does not know the trouble. We've had them examined for worms but it was negative. Thank you for any advice you can give.

—Mrs. N. B. Stoer

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Please advise me if Tom Cats pursue females after they are spayed or vice versa? I have had one of my females, who was very fertile, spayed, but I notice that males who had been around before she was spayed are back again.

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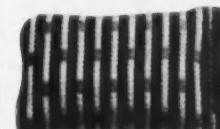


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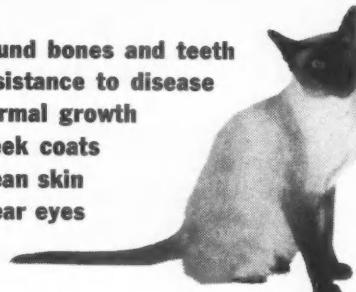
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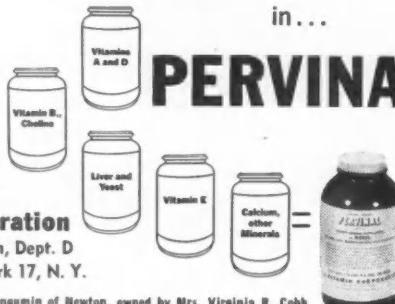
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FELINE ENTERITIS

(Ten years ago and now)

By Mrs. Joseph Marshall

In 1945, when my husband and I acquired our first pedigreed cat, namely; Cobina Wright, Jr., a Seal Point Siamese, we had never heard of the word: Gastro-Enteritis . . . however, we soon learned what it was. When Cobina's first litter of kittens was ten months old, we noticed, about four in the afternoon when we went to feed them that something was wrong. They sat huddled and disinterested in their food but hovered over the water dish all the time, with eyes closed. They had never been outside the house so we could not imagine what was wrong with them. I called the veterinarian but he told us there was nothing he could do for them, that usually the disease was fatal almost 100%, and in some cases death could come in six hours after the patient became ill. I brought all four of the sick cats in the house by the fire and sat up most of the night taking care of them and trying to coax the life to remain in them. They did not have any diarrhea, nor any signs of colds, but in 24 hours they were all dead!

Our mother cat had a male and female kitten about three months old at the time and we kept them in the house. The vet came and vaccinated them and they did not become at all ill since they had not been exposed to the older cats. I still have the female of that litter, who is now nine years old, and just had a lovely litter of five babies this spring.

The following year we had another siege of enteritis in the kittens of Cobina and her daughter. We again went to our vet who told us "there's not a thing you can do but pray and cry!"—My husband, however, does not easily give up and he went to another vet that he used with his cattle. This vet told him there was something you could do and gave my husband a 60 cc bottle of serum and told him to give each cat 10 cc of the serum daily. My husband asked him if he didn't mean 2 cc to each cat and he said, "No, I mean 10 cc each, every day". Some of the kittens were very ill and lay like they were asleep, but we kept them warm with electric lights and my husband started giving them the serum, 10 cc daily. They started to improve the second day and we saved every one of them! Gradually they regained their strength and we kept them alive by feeding milk and soft foods by spoon until they had recovered enough to eat again. After this experience we learned to vaccinate as soon as the kittens were old enough. Some veterinarians do not think much of the serum—and it's only effective for about three weeks—but in our case it saved their lives. Our vet now says that serum is no more effective than a shot of penicillin or streptomycin.

One person I know told me about giving enteritis vaccine to her mother cat

who was nursing kittens and it caused the mother and the kittens to have a severe case of diarrhea. I have found, from my own experience, that in some cases young kittens may have ill effects from the shots, soon after receiving them, almost like the disease itself. In this case the kitten may have been already exposed to the disease by some person who came to see your kittens, and after poking her finger into your cage to pet your own kitten, says, sadly—"We just lost our little kitty two days ago from enteritis!"—(The urge to kill). . . . Sometimes one or two of the litter may show these symptoms while others may not.

I know some vets do not approve of vaccinating kittens until after they are three months old, preferring to use the serum earlier. I have learned that kittens can be vaccinated very early. At six weeks they can have a shot of vaccine, as much as 2 cc without any ill effects. I have even given a 1 cc shot to a kitten three weeks old. I believe a three-month-old kitten can take a permanent shot, 2 cc and in ten days another 2 cc. However, I believe all cats should have a booster shot every winter and especially if you attend any shows. I usually vaccinate my cats in September and January until they are about three years old. I did this on the advice of my vet who thinks this is a more successful treatment than the permanent shot most vets approve. I do know that I lost a Blue Point male who had the permanent shot at 11 months and three booster shots also. I have not lost a cat from enteritis since that time. So, to protect your cats, do give them a booster shot each winter.

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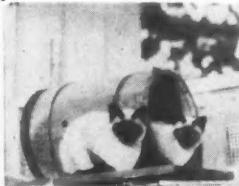
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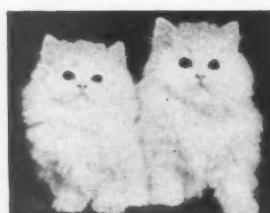
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- 14-15—Cincinnati, Ohio—Cincinnati Cat Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Kay Thoma McQuillen). Specialties: Shorthair (Frances Kosierowski); Tabby & Tortie (Mrs. Kosierowski).
- 14-15—San Jose, Calif.—Santa Clara Valley Cat Fanciers (CFF). All Breed (Charles Victor). Specialties: Longhair (Roberta Billig); Shorthair (Elsie Quinn).
- 21-22—Houston, Texas—Houston Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Lester O'Neill). Specialties Longhair (Beth O'Donovan); Shorthair (Mrs. O'Donovan).
- 21-22—Las Vegas, Nevada—Southern Nevada Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed. (Dr. Ralph C. Boren). Specialties: Longhair (Lavona Wright); Shorthair (Mrs. Wright).
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- 28-29—San Diego, Calif.—San Diego Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Frances Kosierowski). Specialties: Longhair (Mrs. Henry Herms); Shorthair (Roy Easterly).
- 28-29—Louisville, Kentucky—Ohio Valley Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Harriet Wolfgang). Specialties: Longhair (Dr. Ralph Boren); Shorthair (Dr. Boren).

February

- 4-5—St. Petersburg, Fla.—Sunshine City Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Floy McGill). Specialties: Longhair and Shorthair (Helen Hildebrand).
- 4—Phoenix, Ariz.—Canyon State Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Gertrude Hamaker). Specialties: Longhair and Shorthair (Ada May Miles).
- 4—Des Moines, Iowa—Hawkeye State Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (Anthony DeSantis). Specialties: Longhair and Shorthair (Mrs. Lester O'Neill).
- 4—Honolulu, Hawaii—Hawaii Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Ralph T. Mabie).
- 4—Memphis, Tenn.—Memphis and Mid-South Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Lillian Limpert). Specialties: Longhair and Shorthair (Hope Johnson).
- 11-12—Buffalo, N. Y.—Queen City Cat Club (ACA). All Breed, Specialties. (Judges to be announced).
- 11-12—Columbus, Ohio—Ohio State Persian Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. John H. Revington). Specialties: Longhair and Shorthair (Mrs. C. F. Rotter).
- 11-12—Albuquerque, New Mexico—Duke City Cat Fanciers Club (ACFA). All Breed (Dr. Ralph Boren). Specialties: Longhair and Shorthair (LaVona Wright).
- 18-19—Baton Rouge, La.—Greater Baton Rouge Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed. Specialties: Longhair, Shorthair.
- 19-20—San Francisco—San Francisco Cat Club—ACA All Breed: Judge to be announced. Specialties: Longhair (Mrs. Emma Grant), Shorthair (Mrs. Doris E. O'Connell).
- 25-26—Sacramento, Calif.—Sacramento Valley Cat Fanciers, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Henry Herms). Specialties: Longhair (Gladys E. Weirich), Shorthair (Helen Etherton).
- 25-26—Detroit, Mich.—Detroit Persian Society (CFA). All Breed (Laura Graham). Specialties: Longhair (Mrs. L. D. Sample); Short hair (Mrs. Sample).
- 25-26—Delaware Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. C. F. Rotter). Specialties: Solid Color Club of the East Longhair (Mrs. John S. Hunter); Great Lakes Shorthair (Mrs. Kay Thoma McQuillen).

March

- 3-4—Hyattsville, Md.—Cat Fanciers of Washington, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. Lester O'Neill). Specialties: Shorthair (Anthony DeSantis); Longhair (Mr. DeSantis).
- 10—Delaware Valley Cat Fanciers (ACA). All Breed (Betty Goell). Specialties: Longhair and Shorthair (Ruth McNaughan).
- 10—Oakland, Calif.—Golden Gate Cat Club, Inc. (UCF). All Breed (longhair division) Mrs. Lillian Limpert (shorthair division) Mrs. Harriet Wolfgang; Longhair Specialty, Mrs. Dorothy Denning; Shorthair Specialty, to be announced.
- 11—Oakland, Calif.—California Cat Fanciers (UCF). All Breed (longhair division) Mrs. Harriet Wolfgang, (shorthair division) Mrs. Lillian Limpert; Longhair Specialty Mrs. Susie Wildenhens; Shorthair Specialty, Mrs. Isabel Meader.
- 16—Garden City, L. I., N. Y.—Cat Fanciers of Long Island (ACA). All Breed. Specialties: Longhair and Shorthair.
- 24-25—Miami, Fla.—The Catkins (ACFA). All Breed and Specialties.

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Show Reporter

BOSTON'S GOLDEN DAYS

It was rainy and grey in Boston but even the weather was unable to daunt the spirits of the cat fanciers of the area. Horticultural Hall echoed with the talking of people and cats as the Boston Cat Club held its 50th Annual Championship Show on November 3rd and 4th. It was the Golden Anniversary of this group and congratulations are due its president, Mrs. Walter G. Lee and her capable staff for making it an outstanding one. Handsome gold bound catalogs showed over 180 cats and kittens registered for judging in the three shows—The Short Hair, the Solid Color and the All Breed.

Champion Newton's Desiree, A Seal Point Siamese, winner of the Short Hair Show was also judged the Best All Breed Cat. Best Opposite Sex of the All Breed was Little Boy Blue of Bouquet, and Kay Ru Dickie of Bouquet, a Blue Persian Male, won best in the Solid Color Specialty. The trophy offered by the Boston Cat Club for the best female descendant of Ch. Oriental Nanki Pooh of Newton was won by Ch. Newton's Desiree. The Short Hair Club of New England's trophy for 'Nikki's' best male descendant went to Ch. Pomonock's Rascal Peiking II.

The capable judges, the cooperative exhibitors, the general cleanliness, and organized efficiency of the entire personnel made this show a pleasure and an education to attend.

It was obvious these cats are as precious to their owners as are average family cats to theirs. When a prize Siamese became restless after an hour of confinement, it was promptly sent home even though it may have cost a ribbon. Many of the cages held toys and pillows, baskets and even paper bags in an effort to make these beautiful and exciting show cats feel at home. The Best, when she wasn't being judged, had her stable mate in her cage to satisfy her Siamesian need for companionship. The exhibitors it seems are not only pleased to have people stop and admire their cats, but they'll answer ques-

tions, suggest diets, even listen when you go on about the stray you took in.

The crowds—the gate—seemed mostly composed of people who had found that cats make most intelligent and delightful adopted members of the family. They like cats—like to look at them, talk about them and learn about them from people who raise them. Another group of show-goers seems to be those unprivileged ones who would love owning a cat, but whose circumstances forbid it. They come primarily to talk to the cats, and I think the cats know it for they answer them. Cat shows are for Cat people!

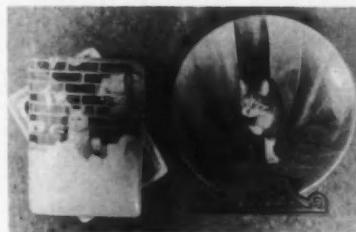
Wonder if that rather charmingly inebriated gentleman to whom one exhibitor wouldn't sell her Persian kittens, remembered to call her the next day and convince her he really did want them?—J. L.

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WEST SHORE CAT CLUB (CFA) 5th Ch. Show, Long Beach, California. October 8-9, 1955. ALL BREED—Judge, Mrs. C. F. Rotter. Best Cat, Best Open, Best LH, Best SC—Dixieland Queen of Azulita, blue m, Mrs. Walker Johnston. 2nd Best Cat, Best CH—Azulita Patriot of Casa Cielo, blue m, Mrs. Joan Arnold and Mrs. Walker Johnston. OS Cat, OS Open, OS LH, Best Sil—Silver Mesa Miss Pixyanne, sh sil f, Mr. & Mrs. H. E. Webb, OS to 2nd Best, OS SH, OS Sia—Fan T-Cee's Blue Fancy, BP f, Mr. & Mrs. Fred W. Galvin. Best SH, Best Sia—Fan T-Cee's Tee Cee, SP m, Mr. & Mrs. Galvin, OS Ch, OS SC—Leilani's Liliokalani, blue f, Jack & Althea Wedel. Best Nov—Dara's Ngeen, BP m, Mrs. Anne Pettit, OS Nov—Barbie Bleue Harmony Miracle, blk f, Mrs. Frances Campbell. Best Sil—Silver Mesa Sil Vallant, chin m, Mr. & Mrs. H. E. Webb. Best T&T—Ch Lanny Lea's Favorite, bl cr, Dr. & Mrs. H. E. Billig, Jr. OS T&T—Golden Cavalier, red thy m, Mr. Hobart Warner. Best DSH—Ch Billig's Bon Bon of Old Oaks, OS Wh f, Mrs. Rupert Graham. OS DSH—Ch Tab-Boo, brn thy m, Dr. Fern Smith. Best Manx—Ch Senza Coda's Tizabu of Sunni Slope, blue f, Mrs. E. Clark. OS Manx—Ch Senza Coda's Silver Paws, sil thy m, Mrs. E. Clark. Best Burmese—Casa Gatos Moye, m, Mrs. H. T. Beaver. Best R blue—Hoeller's Msta, f, Kathleen & Paul Hoeller. Best Aby—Beaver's Zacharis, m, Mrs. H. T. Beaver. OS Aby—Beaver's Zephyr, f, Mrs. H. T. Beaver. Best Kit—Palos Verdes Prance-a-lot, SP m, Mrs. B. K. Culver. OS Kit—Lanny Lea's Gold Treasure, cr f, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Coons. Best Neuter—Hollywood's Deva, BP, Mr. & Mrs. John Rogers. Best Spay—Yum-Yum of El Hak, CP, Mr. & Mrs. Rogers.

LONG HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. L. D. Sample. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best SC—Leilani's Liliokalani, blue f, Jack & Althea Wedel. 2nd Best Cat, OS Ch, Best Open, OS SC—Dixieland Queen of Azulita, blue m, Mrs. Walker Johnston, OS to 2nd Best, Best Nov—Lynwood Rosemarie, blue f, Mrs. L. Lindsey, OS Ch—Fry's Porgy, blk m, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Gillies. OS Nov—Duncanshire's Frosty Frolic, OS Wh m, Mrs. Edith H. Williams. OS Open, Best Sil—Silver Mesa Miss Pixyanne, sh sil f, Mr. & Mrs. H. E. Webb. OS Sil—Ch Beverly Serrano Keo, chin m, Mrs. V. Osburn Peterson. Best T&T—Ch Lanny Lea's Favorite, bl cr, Dr. & Mrs. H. E. Billig, Jr. OS T&T—Elio Necho, red thy m, Mrs. Pauline Frankenfeld. Best Kit—Lynwood Crusader, blue m, Mrs. F. L. Lindsey. OS Kit—Lanny Lea's Gold Treasure, cr f, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Coons. Best Neuter—Mrs. Alexander's Kelvin of Billig, OS Wh, D., & Mrs. H. E. Billig, Jr.

SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Ken Bartlett. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best Sil—Beaver's Diva, Tu EE, SP f, Mrs. H. T. Beaver. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, OS Ch, OS Sil—Palos Verdes Avatar, SP m, Mrs. E. K. Culver. Best Nov—Dara's Ngeen, BP m, Mrs. Anne Pettit. OS Nov—Hollywood Angovar, BP f, Mrs. Donald J. Cockerman. Best Open, Best Aby—Beaver's Zacharis, m, Mrs. H. T. Beaver. OS Open—Fan T-Cee's Blue Fancy, BP f, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Galvin. Best SC, Best Manx—Ch Senza Coda's Tizabu of Sunni Slope, blue f, Mrs. E. Clark. OS SC—Ch The Churches Bosun of Xanthis, blk Manx, m, Mrs. Donald J. Cockerman. OS Manx, Best Sil—Ch Senza Coda's Silver Paws, m, Mrs. E. Clark. OS Sil—Renee's Smoke, smoke DSH f, Mrs. Irene Laflawn. Best DSH—Ch Tab-Boo, brn thy m, Dr. Fern Smith. OS DSH—Ch Billig's Bon Bon of Old Oaks, OS Wh f, Mrs. Rupert Graham. OS Aby—Autumn Imp, f, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Galvin. Best Burmese—Casa Gatos Moye, m, Mrs. H. T. Beaver. Best R blue—Hoeller's Msta, f, Kathleen & Paul Hoeller. Best Kit—Hoeller's Mr. Shan, SP m, Kathleen & Paul Hoeller. OS Kit—Sea Change Eosin, aby f, Mrs. Hyland Hayes. Best Neuter—Hollywood's Deva, BP, Mr. & Mrs. John O. Rogers. Best Spay—Yum Yum of El Hak, CP, Mr. & Mrs. Rogers.

COUNCIL OAK CAT CLUB (CFF) 4th Ch. Show, South Bend, Indiana. Oct. 8-9, 1955. ALL BREED—Judge, Mrs. Ella Conroy. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best LH, Best SC—Khyber's Kalynso Joe of Longhill, blue m, Mrs. Archle Stray. 2nd Best Cat—Ch Van Dyke's Miss Quisite-Me-Too, BE Wh m, Mrs. Lila Rippy. OS Cat, OS Ch, OS SC—Blue Gables Snow Girl, OS Wh f, Mrs. Marie Wilson. OS to 2nd Best—Ch Sun June of Dawn, Cr f, Mr. & Mrs. H. Millbeck. Best G Ch—Lee's Hi-Hat Champaign, cr m, Mrs. Marie Wilson. Best Nov—Noel's Bittersweet, red f, Helen Van Damme. OS Nov—Craz-E Baron, OS Wh m, Mrs. Grace Craze. Best Open—Arlony Mariza, OS Wh f, Mr. & Mrs. Arnie Beck. OS Open—Dawn's Blacker of Rob-Mar, blk m, Mr. & Mrs. H. Millbeck. Best Sil—Ch Favors Maxim of Beverly Serrano, sil m, Mrs. Naomi Favors. OS Sil—Favors Twilight Lu-Lu, sil f, Mrs. Naomi Favors. Best T&T—Woodside's Araujo, red thy m, Mrs. Blanche Markowitz. OS T&T—Else's Hassita of Will-O-Mar, red thy f, Capt. & Mrs. William R. Thorne. Best SH, Best Sia—Mam Ting of Ting's Harem, SP m, Nancy & Winter Ellen Taylor. OS SH, Best Burmese—Ch Su-Ryan Ma Hole Lin of Dalai, f, Virginia Daly. OS Sil—Ammon Ra's Fawn Lady, SP f, Lillian Magnier. Best DSH—Springbrook Netkati, sh sil f, Dr. & Mrs. J. S. Caldwell. Best Manx—Inneen of Glen Orry, tortie, Misses Ruth & Ellen Carlson. OS Manx—Glen Orry's Orry of Manx, red thy m, Misses Ruth & Ellen Carlson. Best Aby—Su-Ryan Sandie of Dalai, f, Virginia Daly. OS Aby—Wah Ji Rusti, m, Edna E. Helm. Best Kit—Ayme-Tu-Wynn Lady Alice, blk f, Mr. & Mrs. M. E. Thorne. OS Kit—Noel's Boutten-Aire, red m, Helen Van Damme. Best Neuter—Spoont River Cedric, cr, Mrs. Allan F. Worm. Best Spay—Viking Gibson Girl, red thy, Mrs. Archle Stray.

LONG HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Jasperine Hedrick. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best SC—Khyber's Kalypso Joe of Longhill, blue m, Mrs. Archle Stray. 2nd Best Cat, Best Sil—Ch Favors Maxim of Beverly Serrano, sil m, Mrs. Naomi Favors. OS Cat, OS Ch, OS SC—Blue Gables Snow Girl II, OS Wh f, Mrs. Marie Wilson. OS to 2nd Best, OS Open—Blue Gables Glamour Girl, bl cr, Mrs. Marie Wilson. Best G Ch—Lee's Hi Hat Champaign, cr m, Mrs. Marie Wilson. Best Nov—Noel's Bittersweet, red f, Helen Van Damme. OS Nov—Craz-E Baron, OS Wh m, Mrs. Grace A. Craze. Best Open—Dawn's Blacker of Rob-Mar, blk m, Mr. & Mrs. H. Millbeck. Best Kit—Ayme-Tu-Wynn Lady Alice, blk f, Mr. & Mrs. M. E. Thorne. OS Kit—Noel's Boutten-Aire, red m, Helen Van Damme. Best Neuter—Spoont River Cedric, cr, Mrs. Alan F. Worm. Best Spay—Viking Gibson Girl, red thy, Mrs. Archle Stray.

SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Jasperine Hedrick. Best Cat, Best Open, Best Sil—Ch Favors Maxim of Beverly Serrano, sil m, Mrs. Naomi Favors. OS Cat, OS Ch, OS SC—Blue Gables Snow Girl II, OS Wh f, Mrs. Marie Wilson. OS to 2nd Best, OS Open—Blue Gables Glamour Girl, bl cr, Mrs. Marie Wilson. Best G Ch—Lee's Hi Hat Champaign, cr m, Mrs. Marie Wilson. Best Nov—Noel's Bittersweet, red f, Helen Van Damme. OS Nov—Craz-E Baron, OS Wh m, Mrs. Grace A. Craze. Best Open—Dawn's Blacker of Rob-Mar, blk m, Mr. & Mrs. H. Millbeck. Best Kit—Ayme-Tu-Wynn Lady Alice, blk f, Mr. & Mrs. M. E. Thorne. OS Kit—Noel's Boutten-Aire, red m, Helen Van Damme. Best Neuter—Spoont River Cedric, cr, Mrs. Alan F. Worm. Best Spay—Viking Gibson Girl, red thy, Mrs. Archle Stray.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SHORT HAIR BREEDERS (ACA) 8th Ch. Show, Huntington Park, Calif., August 13, 1955. ALL BREED—Judge, Robert K. Knight.

Best Cat, Best Ch, Best Abys—Bogre's Naith, f, R. D. Forrest. 2nd Best Cat, Best Sia—Ch Beaver's Blu Ette, BP f, Mrs. H. T. Beaver. OS Cat, OS Sia—Tempura's Valiant of Sampli, Lilac P m, Olaf Engelson & Jay Herrett. OS to 2nd Best, OS Open, OS DSH—Smith's Tab-Boo, brn thy m, Dr. Fern Smith. Next Gr Ch—Palos Verdes Avatar, SP m, Mrs. B. K. Culver. Best Nov—Moontide Dimmer, SP m, Barbara Layton. OS Nov—El Rancho's Ko-Ko Bon Bon, CP f, Mrs. Paul Catalana. Best Open—Beaver's Zephyr, Abys f, Mrs. H. T. Beaver. Best DSH—Holly's Queen, tortie, Holly & John Chaplin. Best Manx—Ch Senza Coda's Tizabu of Sunni Slope, blue f, Evelyn Clark. OS Manx—Ocean View Buzzie, blue m, Mrs. Olive Hall. OS Aby—Ch Bogre's Simbu, m, R. D. Forrest. Best Burmese—Ch Bogre's Chao Huel, m, LaVona Wright. OS Burmese—Ch Su-Ryan Burma Maharan of Bogre, f, R. D. Forrest. LaVona Wright. OS Kit—Ta Lee Ho's Meno-Mo, BP f, LaVona Wright. OS Kit—Reenee's Nikki, all the DSH m, Irene Laflawn. Best FSH Neuter—Quinn's Saber Jet, SP, Mr. & Mrs. Brown. Best DSH Neuter—Bogre's Patina Little Frost, GE Wh, Mrs. Vivian Dennis. Best FSH Spay—Quinn's Misty Blue, BP, Barbara Layton.

FOREIGN SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Dorothy O. Richard. Best Cat, Best Open, Best Sil—Kama Hama Ha Leil, BP m, Rusty Campbell. Best Best Cat, OS Cat, OS Open, Best Manx—Ocean View Myrtle, bl cr, Mrs. Olive Hall. OS to 2nd Best, OS Ch, Best Abys—Bogre's Simbu, m, R. D. Forrest. Best Gr Ch—Palos Verdes Avatar, SP m, Mrs. B. K. Culver. Best Ch, Best Burmese, Su-Ryan Burma Maharan of Bogre, f, R. D. Forrest. Best Nov—Ta Lee Ho's Bon Tet, CP m, LaVona Wright. OS Nov, Best E. blue—Hoeller's Msta, f, Kathleen & Paul Hoeller. OS Sia—Beaver's Diva EE, SP f, Mrs. H. T. Beaver. OS Aby—Beaver's Zephyr, f, Mrs. H. T. Beaver. OS Burmese—Ch Bogre's Chao Huel, m, LaVona Wright. OS R blue—Ch Bogre's Peter, m, R. D. Forrest. Best Kit—Ta Lee Ho's Fl, aby f, Brandy Sinclair. OS Kit—Ta Lee Ho's Alko, CP m, LaVona Wright. Best Neuter—Quinn's Saber Jet, SP, Mr. & Mrs. Brown. Best Spay—Quinn's Misty Blue, BP, Barbara Layton.

EASTERN CAT FANCIERS (ACA) 2nd Ch. Show, Chester, Pa., Sept. 24, 1955.

ALL BREED—Judge, Dr. Frances McCracken. Best Cat, Best Open, Best L.H. Best SC—Calver's Sir Echo of Minqua, blk m, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas L. Martinke. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, Best Ch, Best SH, Best Manx—Mrs. Kelly of An-Si, blt f, Ann Blenman. OS Ch, OS T&T—Rusty of Kitty Purr, red thy m, Mrs. Harry B. Gauntt. Best Nov, OS SC—Northridge Powder Puff, cr f, Mrs. H. W. Ginger. OS Nov, Best Burmese—Cynthia Pad-Ma, m, Lillian E. Pedulla. OS Open, OS LH—Citrus Ridge Eo of Esperance, sil f, Pauline Filkins. Best T&T—Hi-Acres Jersuha Jane, red thy f, Mr. & Mrs. Edward T. Franzen. OS SH, Best Sia—Maun Ting, SP m, Nancy and Winter Ellen Taylor. Best DSH—Miss Hogan's Tehano, blue m, Mrs. Lee Carnahan. OS DSH—Ch Vicki Shella of Northboro, red thy f, Nancy W. Biser. OS Manx—Willow Rock Ebony, blk m, Angie Boughman. Best Aby—Ch Capri Cat Trinket of Selene, f, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Schuler. OS Aby—Capri Cat Simba of Hollyset, m, Jane D. Stackhouse. OS Burmese—Re-Ru Ranee Howrah-Shan of Kai Bai, f, Captain Kathryn Bastian. Best Russian Blue—Troika's Indigo Czar of Pentagon, m, Mr. & Mrs. Harold L. Bayer. Best Kit—Selene's Prince of Pentagon, m, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Principe. SP, Gloria Pieroni.

LONG HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mr. Dimas Blanca. Best Cat, Best Open, Best SC—Dixieland's Sir Gal of Normont, blue m, Mrs. Merl Hoag. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, OS Open, OS SC—Calvert's Dar-Linn, blue f, Mrs. Stella Calvert. Best CH—Casa Contenta Caprice, sil f, Margaret Lovett. Best Nov—Calvert's Red Flamingo, red m, Mrs. Stella Calvert. OS Nov—Northledge Powder Puff, cr f, Mrs. H. W. Ginger. Best Kit—Normont Luxury, blue f, Mrs. Geraldine Schuler. OS Kit—Dwenders Harlem Ace, blk m, Mrs. H. L. Schaus.

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TRULY BEAR

(from page 5)

As it was, she was convinced the sign said, 'TRULY BEAR' and that this was her cage, all prepared and waiting her arrival. So, she crept in between the bars and stumbled around in the darkness looking for a place to go to bed. The floor of the cage was wet and smelly and littered with peanut shells that crunched under her feet when she stepped on them. It was all a bit uncomfortable and more than a little discouraging. But finally she found what she was looking for; what she had known all along must be there. In the dark it felt just like a velvet and fur robe of the same exquisite quality you would expect to find on the bed of a king's mistress. It was warm, too, as though built on the lines of an electric blanket.

'This is my bed' said Truly Bear to herself. 'I have come home at last.' With that she curled up on her bed and went to sleep.

Next morning Truly Bear found she had been sleeping in some of the longer hair belonging to the Indian Sloth Bear. This discovery bothered her not a bit. She was home and she intended to stay.

That is exactly what Truly Bear did. She has been there ever since and has no thought of leaving, although she could at any time walk out between the bars of the cage. She and the Indian Sloth Bear get along just fine. The Sloth Bear,

being slothful in his thinking, accepts the arrangement with indolent good nature and it has never occurred to him to resent what is really an unwarranted intrusion. He merely sits there and watches Truly Bear with sleepy and adoring eyes and does whatever she tells him.

Truly Bear makes few demands on the Indian Sloth Bear. All she wants is to be let alone so she can live the life of a wild animal. True, she doesn't hunt or prey upon other, smaller animals as she would have to do if she lived in the jungle, but this doesn't bother her. After all, she lives in a cage at the zoo and everyone knows that happens only to wild animals.

The Indian Sloth Bear is happy about the arrangement too. More people than ever before stop in front of the cage and they stay longer than they ever used to. The Indian Sloth Bear rather likes this attention. During the first public excitement about this unusual partnership he even had his picture in the papers. This is something that had never happened to any other living Sloth Bear. If you have ever seen one you will understand why.

So, I guess you can say they lived happily ever after. She refers to him as Mr. I. S. Bear (which sounds very dignified) and he calls her Mrs. T. Ruly Bear (which gives her a feeling of social refinement). And, as I said, they both have a sign on the front of the cage, which just proves that everything I have said about them is true.

popped open with wonder. He ran to his mother and said, 'Mommy, come over here and see the Davy Crockett cat.'

Like all good things, the show comes to an end. You then begin the task of preparation for your homeward journey. Getting back to the station I was again met by the porter. He asked me how I had done in the show. I told him I had a bit of luck and won some ribbons and trophies. He wanted to see them but I told him they were tucked away in my suitcase. As he wheeled them along he would tell the passers-by all about it. He did such a good job of story-telling that soon a large crowd had gathered. A policeman standing by thought something to be wrong and came over to investigate. Fortunately for me he did decide to look, for time was running out, and he then helped me through the throng to get to the train. Although I was tired and weary it helped pep me up for the long trip back.

So here am I, looking forward to my next show in the hopes of gaining more wins but most of all to see my old friends and to make new friends. These are some of the many joys of going to a show.

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The Back Fence . . .

The weather being what it is, now seems a good time to tell you of the family of cats which lives in cold storage in the heart of a Brooklyn, N. Y., wholesale meat district. Matriarch of the family is Mrs. Hitler, who was brought in six years ago to keep the rats and mice away from the packages of beef, veal and lamb. Mrs. Hitler shares her 41-degree, 120-foot home at the Allen Nevins Dealers, 173 Fort Greene Place, with her daughter Maria and her son Blackie. At the time of writing, there were two new thick-coated white and black additions, Nip and Tuck. The cats seem happy in their year-round winter clime; reports are that when invited to come out to warmer weather, they retreat behind the low-hung sausages. There is a thick covering of sawdust on the floor, and meals are served almost hourly, beginning at four in the morning with the arrival of Max, the beef cutter.

A spectacular rescue by a cat is one of four stories we've heard so far coming out of the flooded areas this fall. Three men who spent 45 minutes clinging to their capsized boat in the Mississippi River near McGregor, Iowa, owe their lives to Katinka, a cat. The men—William Houek, W. C. Dostal, and Ernest Kovak—clung to their boat, drifting nearly a mile in the wind-tossed river while their cries for help went unnoticed. They were not heard because their neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Chatman, were all inside with the radio blasting. Mrs. Chatman, however, happened to see Katinka, who usually sleeps soundly all day, running alongside the river bank, wide awake and acting strangely. She walked down to the cat's side and then noticed the men in the middle of the river. Immediately she summoned her husband and two visitors who went to the rescue in a motor boat. Although hospitalization was required, all recovered in the next two days.

Doris Hobbs, well-known cat judge, was in New Haven for the show at the Hotel Garde when the flood hit the same evening. Next morning, Miss Hobbs, trying to get a train back to Stamford found a prize kitten in the window of the railroad station. She feared the kitten was the victim somehow of the storm, and took it with her to Stamford where at last reports it was still awaiting reunion with its owner.

Also, from Connecticut comes the story of Toby, pet of Mr. & Mrs. John Ocain, Sr., of Torrington. Before the flood, Toby had leaped on rocks over the Naugatuck River to a woods on the other side. The rains came, the river rose alarmingly and stranded Toby on the other side. His family finally located Toby, but the river was too high for people or cats to cross. The Ocains wrapped an open can of cat food in newspaper, tied a rope around it, whirled it around and slung it over the river to Toby. The cat smelled the food, clawed away the paper, and ate. This went on for several days until at last the waters receded enough for Toby to get back home.

The last story concerns Floody, a victim of the floods in New Jersey. The night the flood came to Stockton, N. J., Mrs. Charles Wilson, whose husband is

chairman of Civil Defense there, was standing at the bottom of Church Street hill watching the water come up to her house across the street. Out of the darkness appeared a small black-and-white form, which was to shadow her the rest of the night. The cat, later christened Floody, didn't go away once the crisis was over, but rested in a Morris chair at Red Cross headquarters, went twice to mass down at the Catholic church, played with some children, and at last, came back to the Wilson's. At present, he is living with them, sharing their home with a spaniel who arrived first. Mrs. Wilson after research discovered Floody was the same cat who had been seen earlier the evening of the flood by Tony Stefanelli. The cat was jumping from one piece of debris to another on the flooded street in a frantic effort to keep dry. Stefanelli felt sorry for him, put him in his car and took him up to Stockton hill, where it was an easy walk over to Church Street and down to the bottom of the hill where Mrs. Wilson stood watching the waters of the advancing Delaware. Mrs. Wilson would like to keep Floody, but living as she does on a busy street and already possessing a dog, would prefer to find Floody's original owners, if possible. The cat has been a loved pet, judging from the sweet picture we saw of him (or her) in the Flemington, N. J. *Democrat*.

Must be that the pet of Mrs. June Stewart, operator of an apartment hotel in the Imperial Valley region of California heard of the kindness extended Eastern felines during the floods. He returned the favor by rescuing one of his traditional enemies, a parakeet. Mrs. Stewart saw him dragging a branch into the yard, a green budgie perched precariously thereon. The bird had not been harmed. He is a banded male and is awaiting identification at the home of a neighbor. Mrs. William C. Snow, who had a cage ready for her own parakeet, left behind temporarily in Oregon.

California again made the news with a full-color spread in the New York Herald Tribune of a recent Southern California Ocelot Club meeting. A beautiful, howling ocelot in one close-up perched on the shoulders of a pearl-decked blonde; in another photo in color all the ocelots, most leashed or collared, are sitting around a swimming pool with their owners; in another shot, one ocelot is attacking simultaneously five ice cream cones. A lovely pictorial story of the kind of club activities we hope will catch fire back in our stodgy East. Did you know California also has in operation the first Pet Health Plan in the United States? It includes medical and surgical care, with a 25 per cent discount on de-fleaing and ear-cropping, and a 50 per cent cut on vaccinations.

Any Easterer will tell you of the difficulty in keeping up with the Western half of the country, including as it does such states as California and Texas; but at least in the medical department, the East is making a valiant effort. Dr. Robert J. Cyrog of Chicago (almost East, these days) has recommended feeding blue cheese to elderly cats. When a cat loses his stalking interests, it's usually because old age has hit him right in the

stomach . . . a cat is something like a human being—he's as old as his stomach feels,' reports Dr. Cyrog. The doctor blamed bacteriological disorders in the stomach for the decline of some older cats. 'Blue cheese corrects these common disorders,' says Dr. Cyrog.

Charles E. Tracewell, writing in the Washington, D. C., Star says if you come in some day to find your pet starting to turn in circles, always one way, going round and round, in a most disconcerting manner, and if you have a freshly waxed or otherwise very slippery floor, you may be fairly certain your playful cat has skidded into a step, wall or possibly refrigerator. The treatment is to confine the dazed one to a dark carrying case or small cardboard box, just large enough to hold him comfortably. Place it in a quiet room for about an hour. This was the treatment given (accidentally) to a cat of Tracewell's acquaintance. The cat was cured by the time he reached the veterinarian, who diagnosed his trouble as bumpage of the head.

When Fred Wentland returned to Toledo from his business trip in Detroit at his heels as he walked in the door was a big black cat with bells on. "Well," said wife Jane, "now I've seen everything." Hubby tried to explain that he knew nothing about the cat. A long-distance call to the Detroit home of the Martin Gibbons, where Wentland had stopped for dinner, revealed the cat was Sam, pet of neighbors. Sam spent ten days in Toledo before getting a ride back home, and during that interval, his owners received a postcard from a pal vacationing in Hawaii. It read in entirety: 'How's Sam?' Sam's owners, Tony and Betty Joen, 16732 Rosemont Boulevard, couldn't resist sending back the terse cable: 'He's in Toledo.'

James J. Kimball, chief building inspector for the District of Columbia, offered \$250 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the hit-and-run slayer of the Kimball's beloved cat, Spatty. Kimball found eight-year-old Spatty lying with his head crushed near the curb at Branch Ave. and T Street SE, no skid marks near to show the driver had even attempted to stop. Later, a sailor who 'wanted to find a good home for it' presented the Kimballs with a black-and-white kitten similar in markings to Spatty.

Cat-lovers, we don't all have to go to the extremes of the 50-year-old man who was observed in Washington, D. C., walking a picket-like beat while carrying a caged cat. He told police who questioned him that the cat was the last of his remaining relatives. This poor fellow was taken to a hospital for observation, but still his attitude does make sense, doesn't it? The man doubtless felt closer to the cat than he did to his real relatives. And are there any of us who don't sometimes wish we could trade a relative or two for a cat? Hardly; cats don't disappoint us, and cats have no capacity for unkindness. Cats whom we have worshipped from afar have never turned out upon closer approach to be rude, shallow, prosaic, and perhaps even unadventurous. That last, the quality of so many humans which is so foreign to cats, is, like water to a feline, something to be shaken from the paws with dispatch. Let's resolve to equal cats in adventuresome spirit in '56. See what can be accomplished by us!—A. M.

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ENTERITIS (from page 13)

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